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LANCASTER, VA., March 28.—News comes from Litwalton, a small hamlet in the northeastern part of Lancaster, of a distressing accident that resulted in the death of John Whay, an old white man, who lived in that locality. It seems that the old man went out to clear up some land on the edge of a forest with a view to planting corn. He set fire to a large hollow tree that he wished to burn down. The fire spread into the adjoining woods, and the old man, seeing the smoke rise to the spot to find the old man lying dead on the ground with his clothes practically consumed by the flames. It is supposed that in attempting to extinguish the flames his clothing caught fire and he was burned to death.

He was a very worthy old man, had lived in that community all his life, and was about seventy years old.

Dull Oyster Season.
The oyster season that is about to close has been one of the dulllest in the last forty years. Oyster dealers are offering only \$1 a gallon for oysters of the best quality, and only about 60 cents for standard oysters; and even with these low prices prevailing the supply is said to be far in excess of the demand, about one-third of the marketable oysters remaining unsold. Two large vessels, with capacity of 8,000 bushels, now lying in Carter's Creek in the lower part of Lancaster, are loading with oysters. They are paying from 25 to 40 cents per bushel, and selecting the stock at the dock.

Thus far the fishing season has also been unremunerative. The high March winds have been playing havoc with the fish nets and traps along the shores of the Chesapeake and its tributaries. It is estimated that the fish along the coast of Virginia alone are worth from \$40,000 to \$50,000, and yet it is said that the fish caught in their last week would not bring more than \$500. It will require a very successful season from now on to bring the Chesapeake fishermen out even at the end.

Negro Is Robbed.
A negro oysterman, working in Damron's oyster packing-house at Weems, in the lower part of this county, went to sleep several nights ago with a bag containing \$50 tied to his back. When he awoke in the morning the bag and the money were both gone. The money was all the negro had been able to save from his winter's work. As yet no clue has been found leading to the thief.

Teachers' Association.
The next meeting of the Lancaster Teachers' Association (the fourth and last for the current session) will be held next Friday at Irvington. Principal John W. Taylor, of the Irvington High School, is arranging an attractive program, and it is hoped that the coming meeting will be one of the most pleasant and profitable in the history of the association.

Masonic Lodge Instituted.
The Masonic Lodge at Colonial Beach, working under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, was duly organized last night. The following stationed officers: Worshipful Frank Thrift, master; C. Botts, senior warden; R. T. Montgomery, junior warden. A number of prominent Masons from Alexandria, Washington and the neighboring lodges were present at the meeting. The work was ended, the lodge was called from labor to refreshment, and the Masons enjoyed a sumptuous banquet at the Walcott House. The lodge starts out with a fine membership and with high prospect for a long and useful existence.

Mr. Lee Appointed.
Fish Commissioner W. MacDonald Lee has just been appointed assistant adjutant-general for Virginia, of Sons of Confederate Veterans, on the staff of General Clinton M. Felder for the reunion to be held next October in Memphis.

Personal Notes.
Miss Caroline V. Gunby, of Irvington, has returned home from a long visit to friends and relatives in Roanoke city. She was accompanied home by her cousin, Miss Ruth Gunby, of that city, who will spend some time in Lancaster.

Both Under Arrest.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 28.—Guy Bostick and Alf Neal, whom the post-office inspectors have been hunting for months, are under arrest at Bluefield, where they are held pending trial for breaking into the post-office at Russellville, Tenn. The arrests were accomplished by inspectors Robinson and Mosby.

Wanted in Pennsylvania.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 28.—A. J. Little, an agent for a publishing company, was arrested here to-day on a warrant charging him with larceny and false pretenses. Little is wanted in Pennsylvania on a charge of larceny. He will be taken back to Lancaster when extradition papers can be secured. Little has a wife and small child here, who were locked up, being unable to furnish bail.

Struck by Broken Glass.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 28.—J. R. Stevens, a local contractor of this city, was severely injured yesterday by a pane of glass being hurled through the window of his car. Stevens was driving home from work when a piece of glass was hurled from a building and struck him in the head.

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MAIL RIFLED AND PACKAGES STOLEN

Bag Thrown Off at Abingdon,
but Not in the Regular
Place.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ABINGDON, VA., March 28.—The mail bag that was thrown off here last night from the eastbound vestibule was cut open and registered packages stolen before the regular mail carrier could find it. This train does not stop at Abingdon, and last night, it seems, this pouch was thrown off some little distance from the regular place. Just two weeks ago the mail bag was taken from the crane, cut open and all the mail carried away, but no registered packages in that pouch.

NEWS OF ONANCOCK.

Government Is Improving Life-Saving Stations on Virginia Coast.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ONANCOCK, VA., March 27.—The government continues to improve the life-saving stations on the Virginia coast. At Pope's Island a contract has been awarded to T. M. Moore for the necessary repairs, the same to cost \$675. At Wallops Island, a dike in front of the station has been determined upon, and N. Rowley & Son have agreed to dig one 450 feet in length for \$695.

Rectory Is Purchased.
The vestry of the Episcopal Church here has bought the home of Warner Ames, adjoining the church building, for a rectory. The purchase price was \$4,000. It has offered the present rectory for sale.

Farmer Falls Dead.
George Bailey, colored, an enterprising and successful farmer, living near the courthouse, fell dead Saturday morning. He had just finished eating breakfast, and was about to take the work of the day.

St. John's Society.
An association known as St. John's Society, with R. Olin Nottingham as president, has been organized in town. It is, in aim and object, similar to the Young Men's Christian Association. The permanent bath is proposed, with gymnasium and other attractions. Devotional exercises will be held on Sunday mornings on Sundays. The membership already exceeds 100, and is increasing rapidly.

Land Sales.
Land continues to bring very high prices in this section of the county. Saturday last four tracts, formerly belonging to James H. Bull, were sold, containing 253 acres, near Melfa, brought at public auction \$24,125. Two of the parcels were without improvements. On Friday, at Onley, four tracts located near that town, belonging to the late Mrs. E. S. Pitts, containing 459 acres, brought \$24,100.

Married in New Mexico.
Cards were received here to-day announcing the marriage of Miss Sarah Nelson, of Lynchburg, to Mr. W. H. Parker, of this town, to Horace Van Nye, in the Episcopal Church at Santa Fe, New Mexico, Tuesday, March 23, at 2 P. M. Miss Parker was visiting her sister, Mrs. Francis H. Wilson, of Santa Fe.

The sturgeon fishermen are getting their nets ready, and will soon begin operations.

Oyster shells are being delivered to the town for streets at 3-1/2 cents per bushel. This is about one-half of the prevailing figure for the past five months, and is due to the depression in the oyster trade.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Meeting in Lynchburg April 10 Will Draw Party Workers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 28.—The meeting of the State Republican Executive Committee here on April 10 to arrange for a State convention will, it is believed, bring several hundred party workers to the city. The fact that there are only twelve members of the committee. The committee men are: State chairman, C. B. Stimp; Big Stone Gap, State secretary, George L. Hart, Roanoke; First District, Edwin Brown, of Brown's Store; Second District, J. H. Stimp, of Portsmouth; Third District, B. B. Arnold, of Richmond; Fourth District, W. A. Jamieson, of Buffalo Junction; Fifth District, J. H. Stimp, of Staunton; Sixth District, A. S. Hamner, of Keyville; Seventh District, C. B. Gibbons, of Winchester; Eighth District, W. W. McGavock, of Max Meadows; Tenth District, J. C. Collins, of Staunton.

Dr. Hamilton Called.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., March 28.—The First Baptist Church to-day unanimously called Dr. W. W. Hamilton, of Atlanta, Ga., to succeed Dr. Carter H. Jones, now of Oklahoma City. The call was telegraphed to Dr. Hamilton, who is at present at Deland, Fla.

For Violating Liquor Law.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., March 28.—A negro woman was arrested here late last night on the charge of violating the liquor law. The police say the woman was in a rooming house, and was selling liquor to a customer. She was taken to the police station and will be held for trial.

Week-End at Blacksburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BLACKSBURG, VA., March 28.—Mrs. Jeanette Harris Frost, of Indianapolis, gave a concert in the German Club hall at the institute Saturday night. Mrs. Frost gave a varied program of songs and character sketches. Miss Gertrude Spindle, of Christiansburg, accompanying her on the piano. Fol-

WILLIAM AND MARY WINS FINE DEBATE

Hampden-Sidney Orators No
Match for Them on the
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WILLIAMSBURG, VA., March 28.—The two picked debating teams of Hampden-Sidney and William and Mary Colleges met in the college chapel here last night for the annual inter-collegiate debate that William and Mary hold with sister institutions. By unanimous vote the judges rendered a decision in favor of the two William and Mary debaters.

The teams were composed of Messrs. W. B. Blanton and G. W. Diehl, of Hampden-Sidney, and K. A. Agge and H. L. Sutcliffe, of William and Mary. E. L. H. Goodwin, of William and Mary, presided over the meeting as president, and made the opening address.

The question for debate read, "Resolved, That as good roads are necessary to our development, they should be built by the national government rather than by the counties." The visitors had the affirmative side of the question, the Williamsburgers the negative.

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Father Swears Out Warrants
Also for Two Witnesses
for Perjury.

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SPENCER, N. C., March 28.—B. B. Albright, of Spencer, to-day personally prevented the marriage of his 18-year-old daughter, Julia, to M. L. Baker, of this place. He also swore out warrants against David Wray and Connie Herron, of Spencer, charging perjury when they appeared before Register of Deeds E. H. Miller in Salisbury, for a record of marriage. Miss Albright was 18 years old. They were held under bond for trial.

The affair created a sensation. Baker, the intended groom, was locked up in default of a bond of one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Held at Ashland in Memory of the Late
Rev. J. William Jones.

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ASHLAND, VA., March 28.—Memorial services were held to-day at the Baptist Church in memory of Rev. J. William Jones. The exercises were opened by singing "How Firm a Foundation." A selection from the Scriptures was then read by Rev. C. E. Stuart, after which Dr. J. L. Lawrence offered a prayer. The hymn, "On Christ's Solid Island," was then sung. Resolutions were adopted by a committee from the church. In submitting them, spoke most feelingly of the late minister, and paid his memory a beautiful tribute. Misses Tunie Wright and Fannie Lancaster then sang a beautiful duet. Short addresses were made by Professor R. E. Blackwell, president of Randolph-Macon College, and Rev. J. Powell Smith, D. D. Dr. Smith closed with the benediction. The exercises were attended by a very large congregation.

BODIES NOT RECOVERED.

Citizens of South Boston Offer Large
Rewards for Them.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., March 28.—Although every possible effort has been made to recover the bodies of Joseph H. Mobane, Easley Owen and Jamie Clarke, who were accidentally drowned at the dam of the electric power plant at this place while out pleasure riding on a steam launch on Dan River Friday evening, none of the three has yet been recovered.

One hundred and fifty dollars reward was offered by the citizens of the town of South Boston at a meeting held in the office of W. D. Barbour, chairman citizens' committee, this morning. The reward is to be paid as follows: \$50 for recovery of one, \$100 for two, and \$150 for the recovery of three bodies.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Lynchburg Arranging for Annual Meeting
of State Council.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 28.—Local councils of the Royal Arcanum are making arrangements for the annual meeting of the State Council, which will convene here on April 29. A banquet will be given the members of the council. Frank B. Wickersham, of Harrisburg, Pa., has been commissioned deputy supreme regent for Virginia, and he will install the officers elected at the session.

Political Surprise.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SALISBURY, N. C., March 28.—A surprise was sprung in political circles here last night, when W. B. Strachan, a well known business man, announced his candidacy for Mayor of Salisbury. Subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held here April 2, this brings two strong Democratic candidates into the race. A. L. Smoot having been in the field for a month. The entries closed last night, with sixteen candidates for Aldermen, and a warm fight is expected at the polls next Saturday.

To Resume Work.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., March 28.—Work will be started to-morrow on the immense bridge on the new line of the Southern Railway, over the James River, this work having been suspended in August, 1907, because of the panic. The new work will be done by Curtis & Shumway.

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May Resort to Joint Debates.

As has been heretofore pointed out in this article, the campaign for Governor up to this time has been dull, but the reasons for the dullness during the opening days of the battle have been assigned. Following the meeting of the State Committee, strenuous times may be anticipated, and it would cause no great surprise should there be an early challenge from one candidate or the other for a series of joint debates. Neither Mr. Tucker nor Judge Mann has indicated any such purpose publicly, but there is an evident desire on the part of the voters for a more strenuous battle, and they may be courted as such a rule to which tends to lead that way.

But whether it turns out that there shall be joint debates between the two principals or not, there is so much at stake in the race that some feeling will almost certainly develop, and it would not be at all surprising if before the voting time arrives some evidence of bitterness should crop out. The Democratic differences, however, are usually healed quickly in Virginia, and whoever succeeds in winning the nomination for Governor in the Democratic primary will in all human probability be elected in November.

SEARCH FOR PAPERS.

Calhoun Declines If Bogus, Burns Says
Result Justifies It.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 28.—Following the arrest yesterday of three United Railroads' officials and five other persons in connection with the alleged theft of jury lists found in the office of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, now on trial for alleged bribery, Frank J. Murphy, assistant counsel for Abraham Ruef, was taken into custody to-day.

Those arrested are: William Abbott, assistant general counsel for the United Railroads; Joseph H. Handlon, claim agent for the street railway company; Luther Brown, head of the street railway detective; Rex N. Hamilton, private secretary to William J. Burns; Al. McKinley, alleged confidential employee of the street railroad; William M. Corbin, said to be a former agent for Ruef, Jeremiah von Wormer, a railroad detective, and E. A. Platt, attached to the District Attorney's office.

Abbott and Murphy are charged with having received stolen goods, and all the others with grand larceny. Handlon, Brown, Abbott and Murphy were released on bail provided by an agent of the railroad companies.

From last night to to-night the office of Patrick Calhoun and his legal staff were in charge of Detective Burns' men, who were armed with a search warrant issued by Police Judge Deasy, calling for papers alleged to have been stolen from the office of the district attorney. The search was begun at the occupants of the attorneys assisting in the defense of Calhoun, had refused the detectives admission and the glass door had been broken in. The work of looking over the papers found in the rooms was finished to-night after two safes filled with papers had been forced open.

The search was watched by Calhoun personally. "This search is made under a bogus warrant, and is designed only to permit them to look at our private papers," said Calhoun to-night. "Documents found in Calhoun's office fully justify our proceedings," said Detective Burns. "We were